

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3548 - 3432

February 21, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires that the compensation of the county mayor be at least five percent higher than the total compensation paid to any other county constitutional officer. Requires that the compensation of the county sheriff and chief administrative officer of the county highway department be at least ten percent higher than the total compensation paid to the general officers of the county. General officers include assessors of property, county clerks, clerks and masters of chancery courts, clerks of probate courts, clerks of circuit courts, clerks of general sessions courts, clerks of criminal courts, clerks of juvenile courts, county trustees, and registers of deeds.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures* – Exceeds \$403,300

Assumptions:

- Based on data from FY05-06 (the last year in which data is available), the Comptroller estimates 55 county mayors would receive raises in salary or compensation for a statewide total of \$153,295.
- Based on data from FY05-06 (the last year in which data is available), the Comptroller estimates a statewide increase in local government expenditures of \$250,000 for county sheriffs and county highway chief administrative officers.
- Local expenditures will increase at least \$403,295 (\$153,295 + \$250,000 = \$403,295).

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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